



Northwest Regional Office

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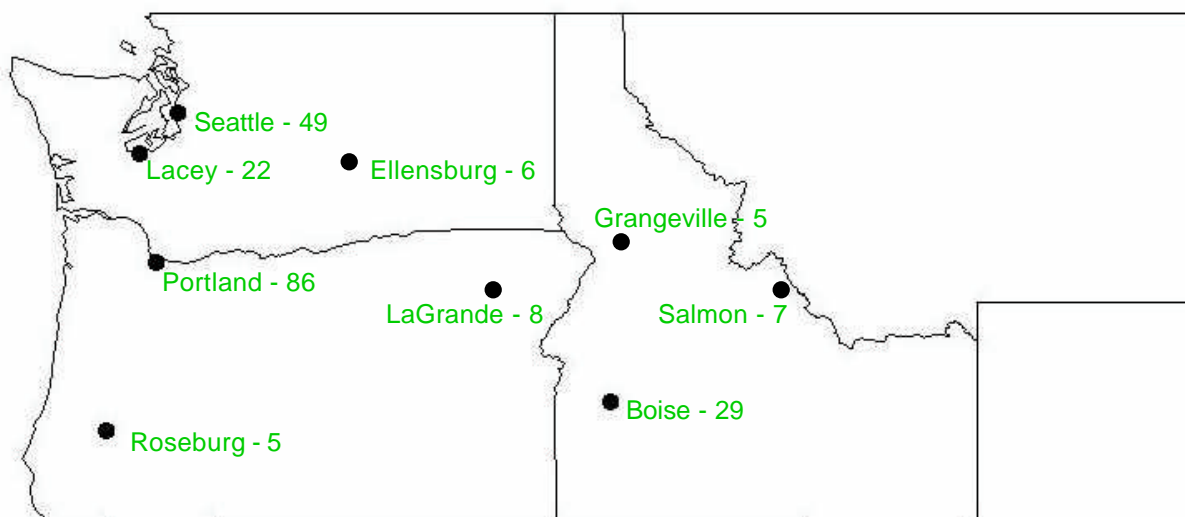
Northwest Region

The Northwest Region administers National Marine Fisheries Service programs off the coasts of Oregon and Washington, and in the vast inland watershed habitats of Pacific salmon and steelhead in those two states, Idaho and Montana. Its principle responsibility is implementing the Endangered Species Act for 26 populations of listed salmonids, covering more than 40 percent of the land base of three states.

This region is also home to the West Coast groundfish fishery, a large management complex comprising more than 80 species. The Secretary of Commerce declared a fishery disaster in January 2000.

The Northwest Regional Office in Seattle has an operating budget of about \$20 million. It also manages pass-through funding of about \$64 million under the Mitchell Act, Pacific Salmon Treaty, Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and other programs used to implement the ESA, Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other laws and treaties, including treaties with Northwest Indian tribes.

The Regional Office has a staff of 217:



The Northwest Regional Office is organized into four components: [Habitat Conservation](#), [Protected Resources](#) and [Sustainable Fisheries](#) divisions, and the [Hydropower](#) program. Its science support comes from the [Northwest Fisheries Science Center](#) in Seattle, which conducts multi-disciplinary research to provide scientific and technical information needed by the Regional Office.